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FOR SECRETARY FROM ATHERTON

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS:PFOR, SS, MO, AG

SUBJECT: ATHERTON VISIT TO NORTH AFRICA

REF: SECTO 4114 AND 4121

1. I APPRECIATE AND FULLY AGREE WITH YOUR GUIDANCE TRANSMITTED IN REFTELS, INCLUDING REVISED LETTER TO BOUMEDIENE AND REVISED TALKING POINTS. WE ARE ENTIRELY ON THE SAME WAVE LENGTH. MY UNDERSTANDING IS THAT BASIC PURPOSE OF MY TRIP IS TO BE RESPONSIVE TO BOUMEDIENE'S APPROACH THROUGH RASHID ZEGAR AND, THROUGH HAVING A WIDE-RANGING EXCHANGE OF VIEWS WITH BOUMEDIENE, TO DO WHAT WE CAN TO DISABUSE HIM OF MISCONCEPTIONS ABOUT U.S. POLICY. BY TYING INTO ROB INSON'S VISIT, THIS WILL BE OPPORTUNITY TO DISCUSS WHOLE RANGE OF U.S.-ALGERIAN RELATIONS IN BROADEST AND MOST CONSTRUCTIVE POSSIBLE CONTEXT. I WILL TAKE EVERY OPPORTUNITY TO CORRECT ANY TENDENCY TO INTERPRET MY TRIP AS A MEDIATION EFFORT WITH RESPECT TO THE SAHARA QUESTION.

2. SO FAR AS NEUMANN'S RECOMMENDATIONS ARE CONCERNED, I  
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THINK IT IS IMPORTANT TO MAKE CLEAR TO HIM PURPOSE OF MY

VISIT ALONG FOREGOING LINES AND ASK HIM TO PUT QUESTION  
OF MY VISITING RABAT TO MOROCCANS FOR THEM TO DECIDE. HE

COULD EXPLAIN TO THEM THAT I WAS GOING TO ALGERIA WITH  
ROBINSON FOR DISCUSSION OF OVERALL U.S.-ALGERIAN RELATIONS,  
IN COURSE OF WHICH WE EXPECT BOUMEDIENE WILL WANT TO  
DISCUSS SAHARA. GIVEN OUR CLOSE RELATIONS WITH MOROCCO,  
HE COULD SAY THAT WE ASSUME THEY WOULD ALSO WANT ME TO  
VISIT THERE WHICH WOULD ALSO BE OUR DESIRE AND, IF THEY  
WISH ME TO DO SO, GIVE THEM THE CHOICE OF MY STOPPING  
EITHER EN ROUTE TO ALGERIA OR FOLLOWING MY ALGERIAN  
VISIT. INGERSOLL

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